

REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicants have canceled claim 1 and amended claims 3-7 and 23-26 to depend from claim 2. Claims 2, 8, 9, 18, 23, 24 and 29 have been amended to eliminate antecedent basis problems, including those noted by the Examiner in numbered section 2 of the Office Action. Claim 26 has been amended to delete the word "almost."

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims, all of the claims now in the application comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 23, 24 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, are requested.

In view of the cancellation of claim 1 and since claims 3-7 and 23-29 now ultimately depend from claim 2, the rejections of claims 1, 3-7 and 23-29 in numbered section 4 of the Office Action is moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now in the application are requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 1150.44902X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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